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Police jump the gun

A Halloween game begun by students on Facebook named 'Humans vs. Zombies' leads to the arrest of several students possessing Nerf guns. The BG News editorial team asks if perhaps the police acted to quickly and discuss where the blame lies. | **Page 4**

Do you think people should remain celibate until they get married?



LAURA WURNS
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"Not really. It's basically a personal choice." | **Page 4**

TODAY
Partly Sunny
High: 49, Low: 31

TOMORROW
Partly Sunny
High: 53, Low: 38

HUMANS VS. ZOMBIES



ARREST: A University officer pats down Oscar Connell yesterday. Connell was cited for inducing panic, as he carried a Nerf gun around while participating in the campus-wide Humans vs. Zombies game.

Game leads to arrests

By Andrea Slivka
Managing Editor

Kelly Kaczmarek was sitting in her ethics class yesterday afternoon, when a campus police officer came to question her about having what appeared to be a weapon.

Kaczmarek was one of several students carrying toy Nerf guns on campus as part of a week-long role-playing game called Humans vs. Zombies.

But the game ended after less than four hours of play when University police began issuing citations to students who were participating.

Police arrested two male students in Olscamp about 3:30 p.m., escorted another student into the police station and issued Kaczmarek a citation. Three students were carrying brightly-colored Nerf guns, and a fourth was carrying a small black Nerf gun.

The students were issued citations for disorderly conduct, according to Chief Jim Wiegand of the University police. Wiegand said the students created a panic situation by carrying what appeared to be firearms on campus.

"We do not allow weapons or facsimiles of weapons on campus," he said.

The police began issuing citations after receiving several phone calls from people concerned that weapons were being carried on campus, according to Wiegand. He also said police were being cautious in light of the recent shootings around the country.

But students questioned whether Nerf guns look enough like real weapons to warrant citations.

"They're bright yellow and blue," said Megan Pirrung, junior. "It says 'Nerf' on the side." Adam Curtis, a sophomore par-

ticipating in the game, said police should have taken the appearance and the type of weapon into consideration.

"If it's a toy gun, every 5-year-old in town is probably going to own one," he said.

The game's premise involved students playing zombies trying to turn those playing humans into zombies. Those playing humans used tactics and Nerf guns to avoid being turned into zombies. Kaczmarek was upset about being issued the citation.

"The rules we had were designed specifically for safety of people inside and outside of the group," she said.

Pirrung said all players could clearly be identified by each other because they each wore orange bandanas.

Aryn Griffiths, senior, immediate-

HUMANS VS. ZOMBIES

- Play began at noon yesterday and was to end at midnight on Halloween.
- Zombies tried to turn humans into zombies, while humans tried to avoid becoming zombies.
- Humans wore orange bandanas where it could be easily ripped off, such as a pocket.
- Zombies wore orange bandanas around their heads or necks.
- Humans would switch sides when their bandana was taken by a zombie.
- Humans could defend themselves by shooting zombies with toy Nerf guns, causing the zombies to become inactive for ten minutes.
- The game could not be played in classrooms, on buses, in administrative areas, in food lines, the Union food court, in dorm rooms, the gym, in bathrooms, or in areas where it would "interfere the learning process." Information taken from the event page on facebook.com

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USG debates Issue 3, will vote on a stance next week

By Kelly Day
Senior Reporter

The Ohio "Learn and Earn Amendment" could provide the only increase in higher education funding by the state this year, if Issue 3 is approved by voters Nov. 7.

At last night's Undergraduate Student Government meeting, two resolutions were proposed addressing the "Learn and Earn Amendment." Next week, USG senators will vote to accept one of the resolutions, which will become USG's official stance on the issue.

The first resolution, presented by Mike Woodall, at-large senator, proposed for USG to take an official stance — as the voice of BGSU undergraduate students — against the Ohio "Learn and Earn Amendment."

"Issue 3 is not the appropriate way to support higher education funding," Woodall said.

The resolution states the "Learn and Earn Amendment" is misleading to voters.

Woodall said commercials present false promises to Ohioans.

"There's no real guarantee toward how much scholarships are going to be, when they're going to be paid out and who they're going to be paid to," he said.

The resolution also holds

ISSUE 3

- The "Learn and Earn Amendment" would bring 31,500 slot machines to the state of Ohio
- 30 percent of revenue would go toward scholarship to students in the top 5 percent of their graduating class
- 54 percent of revenue would go to the casinos

that Issue 3 would make Ohio a Class III gambling state, create 109,000 gambling addicts and provide a tax-free monopoly to the establishment.

"I don't feel that the Ohio constitution is a place to provide a tax shelter for casinos," Woodall said.

Jason Sneed, at-large senator, said he is for higher education funding, but is opposed to the "Learn and Earn Amendment."

"It saddens me that the state of Ohio has reduced itself to make gambling the only form of higher education funding," he said.

Woodall said the Amendment would hurt Ohio as a whole.

Citing the results of a study conducted by Cleveland State University, Woodall said for every \$1 spent on gambling, \$3 are spent in social costs.

Tony Wagener, senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, proposed a resolution for USG to

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BG police urge pedestrians to avoid jaywalking

By Andrea Slivka
Managing Editor

As the walk sign flashed at the intersection of Wooster Street and Thurstin Avenue, Brian Gerker crossed the street toward campus.

But then a white van turned the corner and struck him in the back left side before driving away.

Gerker, a freshman, suffered deep muscle bruising in his back and missed a total of five classes because of the accident last month.

While accidents involving pedestrians aren't common in Bowling Green, police caution pedestrians not to assume they have the right of way when they cross and warn that jaywalking increases the risk for accidents.

Gerker said he doesn't think some University students realize the need to be cautious and alert when crossing streets near campus.

"I've seen students just walk right up and not look and run across," Gerker said.

The intersection where Gerker was struck is one of the most dangerous intersections in town for pedestrians, according to Lt. Tony Hetrick of the Bowling Green Police Department. He said pedestrians sometimes forget to watch for cars that might follow the green turn arrows, and drivers don't always expect

pedestrians to be crossing while they're turning.

Two other dangerous intersections in Bowling Green are at Main and Wooster Streets — because of the high volume of traffic — and at Thurstin Avenue and Court Street, Hetrick said.

Many pedestrians might assume they have the right of way at all times at the Thurstin Avenue and Court Street crossing because of how the former crosswalk was set up nearby on Thurstin. But if a car arrives before a pedestrian at the new crosswalk, the car has the right of way because it's a four-way stop, Hetrick said.

Not using crosswalks can add to the risk of an accident, said Sgt. Tim Guthrie of the University Police.

"Most people tend to wait for [pedestrians], but if [pedestrians] tend to cross where they're not supposed to, then they're putting themselves in danger," he said.

But students often don't use crosswalks around campus.

"All of campus is pretty much one big jaywalking area," said Angie Slade, University Police Records management officer.

Between the intersections of Mercer and Wooster streets and Thurstin and Wooster, *The BG News* observed at least 18 people jaywalking in two minutes

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Campus crime decreases

By Megan Yodzis
Reporter

According to the University's annual campus security report, crime on campus has decreased slightly since 2004.

The report includes campus crime statistics, crime prevention tips and a section about the University's policies and procedures concerning sexual crimes.

Jim Wiegand, the University chief of police, said better technology and police visibility helped lower the crime rate.

Sgt. John Shumaker, also of the University police, said the amount of vehicle accessories — such as radios and CD players — stolen from campus parking lots has decreased since cameras were installed in some lots three years ago.

"The technology helps, we have cameras in many of the lots on campus now and we hire students to monitor them each night," Shumaker said.

Police do not hide the fact the cameras are there; they want people to be aware they are there, he said.

But the number of burglaries has increased since 2004 because its definition was classified more clearly.

"A lot of people misunderstand the elements that make up a burglary versus a theft," Wiegand said.

A theft is taking property without permission and a burglary is

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Madhatter Music gets new owner

By Kelly Day
Senior Reporter

For 14 years, Jim Cummer, owner of Madhatter Music, has put his blood, sweat, and "Johnny" cash into keeping his musical oasis up and running.

But today, he will turn his store over to music enthusiast, Keith Bergman, of Toledo, who will be the third owner of Madhatter in its 18-year history.

Cummer, who bought the store in 1992, has spent almost every day since working at Madhatter, providing music lovers with new and used CDs, posters, T-shirts, and other items.

The store, located at 143 E. Wooster Street, has a constant flow of burning incense and is covered with posters of everything from The Beatles to Marilyn Manson.

Cummer said the character of the store is what attracts music enthusiasts from the streets of downtown Bowling Green.

"As soon as you walk in here you feel it," Cummer said. "It has its own soul and atmosphere."

Though Cummer loves the



Jim Cummer
Former owner of Madhatter Music



Keith Bergman
Current owner of Madhatter Music

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BLOTTER

SATURDAY

4:26 p.m.

BG Fire Department had to extricate students stuck in elevator in Offenhauer East.

5:41 p.m.

Four students were trapped in an elevator in Offenhauer East between the first and second floors. The occupants had to climb through the top of the elevator through an attic ladder. There were no injuries.

SUNDAY

4:41 a.m.

Joshua J. Thomas, 27, of Perrysburg, cited for refusing a breathalyzer test, driving outside Markey Lanes and not having a county sticker on his license plate at Wooster and Crim streets.

6:27 a.m.

A subject reported a suspicious vehicle parked behind Woodland Mall. When an officer checked the vehicle, he found a male and a female sleeping in the back. They were told to leave the area and verbally warned for criminal trespassing.

9:20 a.m.

Blue Ford Ranger stolen overnight from a North Grove Street parking lot. The vehicle had a full tank of gas and was locked.

10:24 a.m.

Front windshield smashed, causing \$300 damage, at an East Wooster Street home.

11:59 a.m.

Female in the emergency room reported she had been assaulted early Sunday.

12:38 p.m.

Parker Street resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

12:54 p.m.

Cell phone taken from an unlocked vehicle.

1:39 p.m.

TV and Xbox game reported stolen from a Campbell Hill Road apartment.

1:39 p.m.

Laundry room door reported damaged at a Colony Lane apartment complex. The lock was damaged and writing was on the walls.

1:48 p.m.

Vehicle at a Campbell Hill Road apartment complex reported damaged overnight. Soon after, another vehicle was reported damaged down the road. The front headlight was busted and the rear windshield was broken, causing \$200 in damage.

9:23 p.m.

Off-campus student reported receiving threatening phone calls.

11:30 p.m.

The smell of marijuana was reported near the entrance of the Sundial.

11:56 p.m.

Harold Winslow Beach, 53, of Saginaw, Mich., arrested for disorderly conduct while intoxicated after he passed out in a bathroom stall of an E. Wooster Street restaurant.



ARNULFO FRANCO | AP PHOTO

Bus catches fire, 18 passengers killed

FIRE: Firefighters inspect a burned bus in Panama City yesterday. The bus caught fire in Panama's capital, killing at least 18 people and injuring others, police said.

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store, he decided to move on after getting married earlier this year.

"Running a business is in you 24 hours a day," he said. "As a rock 'n roll bachelor, I didn't have a problem putting in the time, love and energy into the store."

But Cummer said now that he's married, it's time to start a new chapter of his life and pass the store on to a new owner.

"When I made the decision that it was time for me to move on, it was critical for me to find someone like Keith to buy the business," he said. "He's got the same passion for music that those of us who owned it before had."

Josh Sponsler, a freshman and Bowling Green native, shares the owners' passion for music and has been going to the store since he was in seventh grade.

Sponsler said he likes the store because it provides a small, friendly atmosphere.

"I've developed a relationship with Jim," he said.

Sponsler said Jim's service

is something you can't get at other record stores like Best Buy or Wal-Mart.

"They don't care about people," he said.

But Sponsler thinks the store will be just as good when it switches ownership.

"I think it could only help the store," he said. "I don't think it could do much bad."

Cummer has confidence that Bergman will maintain the store's personality and make the store more successful.

"If anyone can do it, it's him," he said. "He has great connections and will do things that will probably enhance the store."

Bergman hopes to improve the store by increasing the selection of products.

"We'll try to make sure there's always something new when people come to visit," he said.

But if there's one thing Bergman is concerned about, it's living up to Cummer's reputation.

"I'm not worried about the store being a success," he said. "I'm more worried about filling Jim's shoes. He's been a presence here for so long, it's going to be a big job."

CRIME

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trespassing without permission to commit an act of theft, he said.

"A theft is really a crime of opportunity, if someone leaves their dorm room door open to walk down the hall and someone walking by sees something they like they could just take it," Wiegand said.

The Office of Student Life deals with most of the alcohol issues; but when needed, the campus police will get involved, Shumaker said.

"[Campus police] are more

service oriented than arrested oriented. We are not here to try and send a student to court," he said.

While the police deal with criminal offenses, the Office of Student Life focuses on drug and weapon violations, along with the alcohol issues brought up.

Together, the UPD and the Office of Student Life work to make sure no statistics overlap in the annual report, said Michael Ginsburg, interim associate dean of students.

Ginsburg said the number of alcohol violations on campus has gone up slightly but that there's been a decrease of these violations in campus housing.

support the Ohio Amendment.

Wagener said this is the only option for higher education funding at the time, and students should take advantage of it.

"If the opposition could show me a plan, I'd gladly get rid of this," he said.

But Wagener said supporting the Amendment would make a statement to Ohio politicians.

"We as college students are desperate for help," he said.

"We need to send a message to Columbus that we're sick of being walked on and that someone is giving us a ray of hope and we're going to take advantage of it," he said.

Nate Wiedenhoft, at-large senator and sponsor of the resolution, said this Amendment won't increase higher education funding enough, but it will at least provide some funding.

"It's an attempt to help the problem, it's not an attempt to solve the problem," he said.

Snead encourages students to talk to their resident, college, or at-large senators before next week when USG will vote on their official stance on the issue.

Both the drug and weapon charges have also gone down, he said.

In 2004, there were three weapon charges and in 2005 there weren't any.

"The student population should look at the Crime Security Report and the statistics and preventions side of it," Ginsburg said.

Wiegand also encourages students, parents and faculty members to look at the Crime Security Report.

"The best thing [a student] can do is lock the door to their room and don't leave things lying around, it's usually a crime of opportunity," Wiegand said.

CAMERA LOCATIONS

These are locations where cameras were set-up on campus three years ago.

1. Lot 6
2. Lot 20
3. Overflow
4. Lot 7 (near Offenhauer)
5. Lot 1 (behind Health Center)
6. Lot 12 (behind Field House)



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Going up to bring down diabetes

FRAT FUN: Bill Nadolski and R.J. Hines teeter-totter as part of Delta Sigma Pi's Teeter-Totter-A-Thon to raise money for American Diabetes Association. The fraternity will be participating for 36 hours. They started yesterday at 9 a.m. and plan to end today at 9 p.m.

Size matters with pumpkins

By Kelly Haramis
MCT

Steve Dahlke of Rosemont, Ill., has been a professional pumpkin carver for 16 years. Dahlke says it takes about 20 minutes to carve a pumpkin with a pattern and two hours for a larger gourd.

Dahlke says that when picking a pumpkin, remember:

- **Size matters.** The best pumpkin to carve is generally a "basketball-size one or bigger."
- **Smooth surface.** "You don't want ribbed ones because you can't get a pattern onto it."
- **Once you've collected and cleaned your pumpkin,** Dahlke says it's time to start the surgery:
- **Bottoms up.** "Take a knife and cut the bottom off, instead of the top because [you want to preserve the] nice stem."
- **Lighting.** "If you're going to use a candle, cut a small hole on the top [of the pumpkin, toward the back] as a chimney."

After scraping seeds out, he

"The way I carve, with the big monster ones, I'm able to get more detail work into the pumpkin."

Steve Dahlke | Professional Pumpkin Carver

suggests, trace a pattern from such companies as Pumpkin Masters, Halloween Works and SpookMaster.

Dahlke prefers to use carbon paper to trace the pattern on the pumpkin, "or you can use an adhesive spray, spray it on the pattern, press it on the pumpkin and cut through it. Or you can use a grease crayon, [which] usually comes with the patterns when you buy the carving set, [and] color the back of the pattern and trace it on the pumpkin."

Dahlke says to keep a few things in mind:

- **Be careful.** "You don't want to cut your fingers when using sharp knives." And, of course, parents should be around to help when kids are carving.
- **Freshen up.** After your

pumpkin is complete, Dahlke suggests using spray-on pumpkin preserver Pumpkin Fresh. "It makes the pumpkin last a little longer. Spray it on every other day, and it should [last] for a couple of weeks."

Two more lingering questions for Dahlke:

- **What happens to the seeds?** He cooks the ones from the smaller pumpkins, and the "bigger ones get sent back to the growers for replanting."

Scary versus happy faces? "Scary. The way I carve, with the big monster ones, I'm able to get more detail work into the pumpkin." In the end, "it's up to the person."

For more information about pumpkin carving, visit www.stevespumpkinart.com.

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
SACI Faculty Exhibition
Willard Wankelman Gallery, Fine Arts Center

8 p.m.
Planetarium Events
112 Physical Sciences Lab Building

9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Research Project Clinics
Call for an appointment
Jerome Library

5:30-8 p.m.
Beer Tasting: Scary Beers
Black Swamp Pub

7-9 p.m.
Gender Multiplicity:
Documenting Trans Lives
The Gish Theatre

9 p.m.-midnight
Texas Hold'em Finals
The Falcon's Nest

Outdated? That's not so

By John Tanasychuk
MCT

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Until four years ago, Kerry Szymanski had never spent a minute at a sewing machine.

But in 2002 she decided the best way to meet people was to take a class. "I started taking sewing lessons," said Szymanski, of Fort Lauderdale, "and fell in love with it."

So much so that she now owns Sassy BB, where her MBA and marketing background meets her newfound sewing skills. Along with sewing the purses that her customers design, Szymanski, 37, gives lessons to a generation of women — and men — discovering the joys of bobbins and seam allowances.

Blame "Project Runway," the hit Bravo reality show that airs at 10 p.m. Wednesdays. It has

done for sewing what "Sex and the City" did for ... well ... single women living in Manhattan. "Project Runway" turns cutting, draping and transforming fabric behind a Consew industrial sewing machine into high drama.

Other signs that sewing is everywhere:

— In Style magazine recently showed readers how to transform last season's styles into this season's. (Prairie skirt to bubble skirt, anyone?) Real Simple magazine featured a four-page spread on sewing basics.

— New how-to books make sewing sound hip. Consider "Sew Subversive" (Taunton, \$14.95), which teaches you how to turn a T-shirt into a tote bag, or "In Stitches" (Chronicle, \$24.95), which includes instructions for a fabric tunnel for your cat.

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OPINION

"You ever see a picture of her back then? Whew...I don't know why Bill married her."
 — GOP Senate hopeful John Spencer, attacking Hillary Clinton by asserting that she received thousands of dollars in plastic surgery because of her ugly complexion.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Do you think people should remain celibate until they get married?



"Based on their faith, whatever feels best to them."

HOLLY MULLEN,
Senior, Integrated
Language Arts



"No. It's their own choice. They should be able to do what they want."

DAQURI MAYS,
Sophomore, Finance



"Yes, because that is the way God intended it to be."

DAVID SIMON,
Sophomore, Business
Finance



"I think it's right according to religious views; but do I do that? No."

CARLOS EVANS,
Sophomore, Interpersonal
Communication

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STAFF EDITORIAL CAMPUS POLITICS

Nerf gun panic exposes lack of common sense

Earlier today, the BGSU Campus Police received a phone call from several people alleging that students were in possession of firearms inside of Olscamp hall.

Reacting to the emergency, the police immediately rushed to the scene of the crime in the hopes of arresting the perpetrators so no innocent students at our University would be harmed. When they arrived, the police arrested two people in the waiting area of Olscamp and issued a citation to another student in class upstairs. Police also took another student to the police station from outside of Chili's.

When the dust settled, no one was hurt and a potential disaster was averted.

But unfortunately, in their haste to arrest our fellow classmates, the police neglected to notice a very important piece of information: The students did not actually have real guns, they were holding Nerf guns.

Apparently, several students have been participating in a game entitled "Humans vs. Zombies," which involves the use of Nerf guns in a simulated battle environment analogous to playing a game of Marshmallow Wars.

We at the BG News believe the campus police should have had the common sense to take into account that the students were holding nothing more than toy guns before they decided to forcibly detain them for questioning. Police officers should be professional enough to use discretionary tactics before hastily rushing to arrest innocent students.

To say the Nerf guns even remotely resemble real guns would be a horrific overstatement. The large, bulky, bright colored toys look more like they came out of a recent episode of "Star Trek" than a gritty "Dirty Harry" movie. However, the police are not entirely at fault.

The students who organized this game should also have understood that their toy guns, while appearing harmless, could potentially have been misconstrued as real weapons.

If these students would have just simply called the police to tell them their game would be taking place, this entire episode never would have transpired in the first place.

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, students play a similar role-playing game each year. But according to MIT police, the students who play that game inform the police ahead of time.

In the future, both BGSU students and police should exercise a bit more common sense before they hastily engage in potentially harmful behavior. If they do not, the next time someone may really get hurt, and we don't think that's what anyone wants.

Celibacy is a gift from God



LAUREN WALTER
OPINION COLUMNIST

"We live in a world that does not respect sexuality for what it actually is."

As the scandal surrounding Florida Congressman Mark Foley unfolds, another twist has entered the story.

Apparently, Mark Foley was engaged in a relationship with a Catholic priest named Fr. Anthony Mercieca.

Mr. Foley has also been accused of sending sexually explicit e-mails to White House pages.

As a result, he has admitted to being an alcoholic as well as revealing that he was sexually abused by Fr. Mercieca when he was a boy.

Since 2002, the Catholic Church has taken a hit with the amount of victims who have come forward saying they were abused by priests.

It may be true that there are some priests who have committed these horrendous crimes, and what they have done is a sad reality which has deeply wounded many innocent people.

However, it's unfortunate that this scandal has provoked negative attitudes toward the Catholic Church.

Although there are a tiny percentage of priests who are actually guilty of sexually abusing minors, the media's slanted coverage of this problem has caused some to assume that all priests are somehow pedophiles.

What's also unfortunate is how some have claimed mandatory priestly celibacy to be the problem for this scandal, but that is certainly not the case.

We live in a world that does not respect sexuality for what it actually is, but often treats it as a recreational activity with little to no meaning.

If people do not understand the meaning of sex, then how can they possibly understand the beauty in giving it up?

The Catholic Church is always the first institution to defend the beauty and mystery of sex.

In fact, the church is so reverent of the gift of sexuality that it teaches the faithful to save sex for marriage and treat it with the utmost respect in marriage by being open to the gift of life.

Similarly, it teaches the beauty in giving up sex for the greater good.

The church derives this teaching from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, which are considered to be the two pillars by which the Church teaches the faithful.

In Matthew 22:30, Christ says, "At the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven."

He is explicitly saying there is no marriage in heaven, so marriage is not our ultimate destiny.

Marriage is a beautiful means of getting to heaven, but

it's not the end; our ultimate fulfillment is to be in union with God.

Christ also says in Matthew 19:12 that some will not marry, "because they have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."

According to Christian teaching on this particular passage, Jesus is saying some are called to give up marriage for the Kingdom of Heaven and they should respond, but not all are called to celibacy — each person has his or her particular vocation.

Typically, we think of vocations as a job or occupation, but in the Christian faith, a vocation is not so much "what you are" but "who you are."

Some are called to the vocation of marriage, some are called to the vocation of priesthood or religious life (brothers, nuns, etc.) and some are called to the vocation of the single life.

And the best thing a person can do with his or her life is to live out their own particular calling faithfully.

Those who have answered the call to live a celibate life are not necessarily saying "no" to the beautiful gift of marriage. Instead, they are saying "yes" to another beautiful call from God.

If you were to ask a priest or sister about their vocation, I'm sure they would tell you that the thought of giving up marriage was not always easy.

But they would also probably tell you they are ultimately fulfilled in living out this particular calling because they are living as the person God created them to be.

This, in a nutshell, is what the Catholic Church teaches about vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Priestly celibacy is a beautiful thing because by living out a celibate life, priests remind the faithful that earth is not our ultimate destiny, but Heaven is.

The Church teaches that marriage and celibacy complement one another and both are infinitely valuable in building up the Kingdom of God.

So as the media continues to cover the priest sex abuse scandal and the latest news of Congressman Foley's relationship with Fr. Mercieca, it's important to remember that celibacy is not the reason for clergy sex abuse.

Celibacy for God is in and of itself a good thing. Our culture needs to stop looking at it as suppressive, but rather, a free and total donation of oneself to God.

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Why America will vote Republican

BROWN REPUBLICANS | BROWN

Four issues will be on the minds of American voters when they step into the voting booth on Nov. 7. They are concerned about the scandal surrounding former Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., foreign policy and terrorism, the state of the economy and the moral agenda in Washington, D.C. Republicans have the upper hand on every one of these issues, and Americans are beginning to realize it.

First, Americans will recognize that Democratic attacks following the Foley scandal are, at best, hypocritical. Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader in the House, voted on three separate occasions to make Gerry Studds — a man convicted of statutorily raping a House page on multiple occasions — the chairman of a House committee. Then, speaking of Foley, Pelosi told reporters that Republicans "... are so out of touch with the American people that they didn't even know that it was wrong to ignore the repulsive behavior of one of their members, a member of Congress who should be held to a higher standard." The hypocrisy is clear. Inappropriate e-mails from a Republican are "repulsive," while Democrats who repeatedly rape boys are to be revered and installed in positions of party leadership.

Second, on terrorism and foreign policy, Americans will choose this November between two thematic approaches to the problem.

Democrats advocate what amounts to a sunshine policy toward terrorists, while Republicans have been following a policy of confrontation since Sept. 11, 2001. The execution of the Republican strategy has not been perfect. We should have done more to craft a multilateral response to threats coming from the Middle East, and we are seeing the cost of our poor course of action. However, mistakes are mistakes, and they do not speak to the correctness of the larger policy. The American people recognize that the appeasement and withdrawal advocated by Democrats will accomplish nothing.

Indeed, Republicans are continuing to make the confrontation strategy more effective and are finding wider support. As a result, we have seen NATO spearhead operations in Afghanistan and the U.N. Security Council pass sweeping sanctions against North Korea. These events represent a revised methodology in the implementation of the Republican strategy, and it is working.

Third, Americans favor a pro-growth, pro-family economic agenda over the entitlement-laden, tax-and-spend policies favored by would-be Democratic appropriators. They know that the true cost of the Democratic economic agenda will be increased

dependence on the federal government, a higher tax bill for already squeezed American families and greater incentives for companies to move abroad.

In sharp contrast to the Democrats, Republicans want to cut costs and increase revenue. The last five years have proven that this approach will increase tax revenues, decrease unhealthy dependence on government and promote innovation and hard work. Americans will choose the pro-growth, pro-family Republican agenda over squeezing their tight budgets to satisfy handout hungry Democrats.

Finally, Americans don't want to install a San Francisco liberal like Pelosi as speaker of the House, a position third in line to be President. As difficult as it may be for us to believe while living on College Hill, "mainstream" values in America are not the values espoused on the left-wing campuses and urban centers on the West and East coasts. Mainstream Americans want to see traditional family values promoted in government, and these are the values promoted by Republicans.

We know that if the Republican message is drowned out by scandals and attacks fabricated by desperate Democrats, America may be led down the wrong path. However, if Republicans can articulate these messages clearly in the closing weeks of this election season,

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ly called her freshman brother, Jory, after finding out he had been one of the first two arrested for playing the game. She said police told him the maximum fine for the citation is \$100, although police could not confirm it last night. Police also couldn't confirm the total number of students who were issued citations.

Students questioned why University police were taking action against the players when similar role-playing games are traditionally played at other universities, such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Sgt. Clarence Henniger, of the MIT police, said MIT allows a group of students called the Assassins Guild to hold similar role-playing games each year because the students inform the police of the game ahead of time. The police know when and where the game would be played and what equipment would be used as weapons.

"As long as no one is injured or anyone's rights are violated, we don't see any problem with it," he said.

But he guessed the response of the MIT police could be different if they weren't informed of the game. He said if students held a similar game without informing the MIT police and concerned community members called the police, then the police would likely respond.

Pirring didn't think BGSU students needed approval from the University Police or the administration, but that informing the police ahead of time could have prevented the citations.

But Wiegand said that if students had informed police ahead of time, facsimiles of weapons would still not be allowed on campus.

Students were sorry to see the game end.

"The game was a good idea," said Terry Quickle, sophomore. "It was just trying to allow people to have fun on campus without destroying anything or hurting anyone."



MATE MYERS / THE BG NEWS

JAYWALKING: Mitch Waxler, a telecommunications major coming home from classes, jaywalks in front of a University Police cruiser.

SAFETY

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between 11:23 a.m. and 11:25 a.m. on Oct. 11. According to the Ohio Revised Code, pedestrians are not permitted to cross a road at a point other than a crosswalk between intersections where traffic signals are in operation, and those observed did not cross at crosswalks.

One way to decrease the potential for pedestrian accidents caused by jaywalking is to increase enforcement against those who don't use crosswalks, an approach recently taken by the Iowa City police in Iowa.

In the first eight months of this year, Iowa City had issued more tickets and warnings to jaywalkers than in the past two years combined, according to *The Daily Iowan*.

But despite the risk of acci-

dents, Bowling Green students and residents don't necessarily want to see jaywalkers issued more tickets around the campus or city.

"I think it'd be a really big inconvenience if they did that here," said Kristen Shoemaker, sophomore, who said she jaywalks every day.

Ron Scherer, professor of communications studies, said while he doesn't think jaywalking is a problem, extra enforcement could be needed at times when students jaywalk in large groups or on days with low visibility.

Kern estimated that the BGPD could give out hundreds of tickets to jaywalkers any given night. But he said officers would likely only ticket a pedestrian who makes a car stop or who crosses in front of a cruiser.

Whether issued by the BGPD or University Police, a ticket for jaywalking would cost \$71 for the

first offense. The BGPD has issued six citations since the beginning of this year, while University Police has only issued warnings, according to police records.

For some students, both jaywalking and the potential for accidents with pedestrians near campus could be reduced by adding more crosswalks.

"It is kind of a dangerous situation how the crosswalks are set up," Gerkin said. "There's not really a whole lot of crosswalks, like around Wooster Street."

But whether pedestrians cross in the proper places, he strongly encourages them to not take for granted that cars will see them or stop for them.

"Watch out — be aware of your surroundings because all of the drivers and cars don't always know what's going on around them, so pedestrians should be aware of what's around them," he said.

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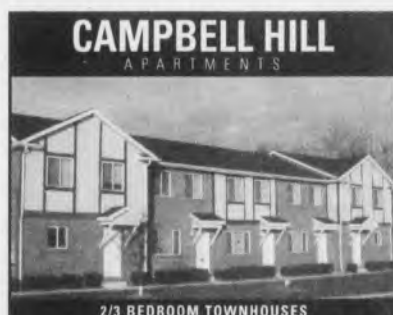
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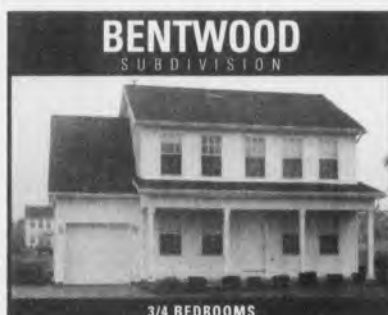
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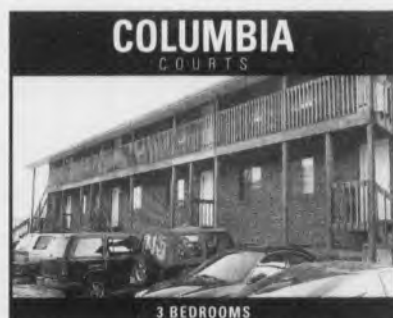
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SIDELINES



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ride the bus to see BG take on ND

The Falcon Club is offering a bus ride to the women's basketball game at Notre Dame on November 13th.

- The cost is \$45 for non-Falcon Club members. The price includes the game ticket.
- To make bus reservations call the Falcon Club at 419-372-7063 ASAP.

QUOTABLE

"We're not out of the race. But, right now all we are talking about is Temple. We have to find a way to win that game. We can't overlook them. We can't overlook anybody."

- BG coach, Gregg Brandon

OUR CALL

On the way up
Micro-fiber composite:

Despite many complaints, Commissioner David Stern has announced the new micro-fiber composite basketball will be used in all NBA games this season.

On the way down

Leather: So long to the old leather basketball days. Look at the bright side, we'll be able to tell our kids about the times we saw LeBron dunk a "real leather" basketball.

The List

Hopefully someone reading this has contacts with the Detroit Tigers, because they can tell the team the five things The BG News knows they'll need to do to ensure a World Series Championship:

- 1. Not cheat:** At the very least, hide it better.
- 2. Plate discipline:** The ability to look at pitches and wear down starters dismantled the Yankees and A's — where did it go?
- 3. Bonderman [below]:** He's been tough of late, and regardless of the game three outcome, the Tigers will need a big game from him in game four.

- 4. Pudge:** Ivan Rodriguez is hitting over .400 for his playoff career, but is struggling this post season. He'll need to be more productive in the middle of the order than he has been.

- 5. Leyland:** Listen to what he says — apparently he knows what he's talking about.



DIYRAL BRIGGS | ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



IN HOT PURSUIT: Briggs leads the team in quarterback hurries, using his speed and athleticism to get to the ball.

BRANDON HEISS | THE BG NEWS

Under pressure

Diyral Briggs keeps the heat on opposing quarterbacks

By John Turner
Sports Editor

"He's a force out there — he's a very quick, agile guy who has a good burst to the ball."

Gregg Brandon | BG Coach

At only 225 pounds, Diyral Briggs is far from the prototypical defensive end, which is OK with him, because he doesn't play like one either.

Outweighed by up to 100 pounds by offensive linemen, Briggs uses his speed and athleticism to keep opposing quarterbacks on their toes.

"When I'm out there I feel like I've got to make the play and whoever's in my way is in my way, so I'm going to make sure I get around you or run you over," Briggs said.

A redshirt sophomore, Briggs leads the team with eight quarterback hurries and is second on the team in sacks with five.

Early in the season, Briggs was hampered by a broken foot, but BG coach Gregg Brandon has seen improvement.

"Briggs has really come on," Brandon said. "He's done a nice job for us, though he's been forced to play more with some injuries. He's a force out there — he's a very quick, agile guy who has a good burst to the ball."

BG's game at Ohio University served as Briggs' coming out party. With a two sack, four tackles for loss performance, Briggs was named Mid-American Conference East Defensive Player of the Week and solidified himself as a force to be reckoned with in the MAC.

Briggs describes himself as "relentless" when pursuing the quarterback, but due to his size disadvantage he's found ways to get past oversized offensive linemen.

His favorite path past to the quarterback takes him 360-degrees.

"My patented move is the spin move, which I got from high school basketball because I always like to spin," Briggs said. "My freshman year, I was trying

the speed rush, and I couldn't beat [the linemen] with my strength, so I tried the spin move, and ever since then, it's been my bread and butter."

At high school in Mt. Healthy, Ohio, Briggs played on the basketball team and averaged 15 points per game as a starter. It was on the court that Briggs earned his nickname "Hustle man," which remains his mentality on the football field.

"I grabbed boards, dove for balls and felt like I could get every rebound," Briggs said. "I guess the coaches saw that relentlessness and saw a good player in me."

Despite a motor that doesn't stop until the final whistle blows, coaches have been trying to bulk Briggs up by force feeding him anything they could get their hands on since he arrived at BG weighing 193 pounds.

Although his weight is up, both Brandon and Briggs feel as though his 6-4 frame is holding about as much weight as it ever will.

"Could he use 20 more pounds? Yeah," Brandon said. "I'd love to

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Christopher focused, determined as new A.D.



Greg Christopher
BGSU Athletic Director

By Chris Voloschuk
Reporter

Four things helped urge BGSU Athletic Director Greg Christopher to take the job on June 13. They were the vision of University president Sidney Ribeaup, BG's athletic tradition and academic history, and finally, the Bowling Green community as a whole.

Christopher, a husband and father of three, is a man with Mid-American Conference ties. In 1988, he earned a bachelor's degree in mass communication from Miami (OH). He also played football for a season before injuries cut his playing career short. After graduation he entered the booth as a commentator, covering both the RedHawks football and hockey teams from 1990-91 while earning an MBA.

What really got Christopher noticed by BG was what he did while working in the athletic department at Purdue University from 1997 until 2005. During that time, he played a major role in a seven-year campus-wide campaign to raise money for athletics. With two years left in the program, the school has raised over \$100 million.

He also played a key role in helping Purdue renovate and add on new athletic facilities, such as an indoor golf training center and renovations to the existing football stadium. For his efforts, he was named

Greg Christopher at a glance

- Graduate of Miami (OH) University
- Former Assoc. A.D. at Purdue University
- At Purdue, helped raise over \$100 million for athletic funding, including scholarships and facility building and renovation.
- 12th A.D. in BGSU history
- In 2005 alone, helped Purdue raise \$17.2 million for athletics.
- Currently planning to hire outside organization to come in and examine all forms of athletic revenue to see where BG is strong and where there are more opportunities.

associate athletic director for external relations at Purdue in March 2005.

Christopher will be missed, according to Purdue Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Morgan Burke.

"He did a very nice job here," Burke said. "He'd only been on the [associate A.D.] job for a year and a half, so I wish I could have worked with him a little longer. He helped spur a double digit growth in athletic scholarship funding and was right in the middle of the different facility construction campaigns."

Now that he's taken on the A.D. job at BG, Christopher has some things he wants to accomplish. In the short term, he has been in the process of sitting down face to face with every one of his 75 employees in the department to meet them and discuss how things are running. Over the long haul, he has one main goal in mind.

"I want to enhance the student-athlete experience," Christopher said. "I want the experience the student-athletes have over their four or five years

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JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

JUST KEEP SWIMMING: Caroline Keating (above) enjoyed both a strong team relay and the renaming of UC's aquatic center in honor of her grandfather.

Relays capture titles in Cincinnati tri meet

By Josh Narotsky
Reporter

Last Saturday, the BG women's swimming team traveled to Cincinnati to take on Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati in the Grand Opening Relays.

The trio of Meg Richardson, Kim Albin and Christina Vaca recorded a time of 1:35.46 in the 150-meter breaststroke. This was one of two first place finishes for the Falcons in the meet, the other one coming in the 500-yard freestyle relay.

Joined by fellow freshman Frankie Houck and veterans Caroline Keating and Jennifer Wright, Richardson was again in on the winning relay.

The Falcons also had five second place finishes. Keating aided in a second place finish for both the 200-yard freestyle and the 150-yard butterfly relay events. Freshman Chelsea Lopus also was on the 150-yard butterfly relay, in addition to another second place relay, the 150-yard backstroke relay with a time of 1:23.32.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Richardson, Alisha Yee, Michael Carriaga and Jen Wright also finished in second with a time of 1:51.78. The Falcons' "B" relay team also added a third place finish in the 100-yard freestyle, recording a time of 45.80.

"We really did a good job," Keating said. "We felt like we needed to perform well against Cincinnati and Xavier. I believe that we accomplished that, and it will give us confidence for the rest of the season."

"Coming in, this meet was very important for us to determine where we were at as a team," said co-captain Britt O'Connor. "Being able to compete with Cincinnati, a Big East team, shows that we are in good shape going into the rest of the season."

The most memorable part of the meet for Keating may not have taken place in the water. Prior to the meet, UC's new aquatic center was renamed for Keating's grandfather, William Keating.

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Talk of series is Rogers' possible dirty tricks

By Ben Walker
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Tony La Russa kept talking about Kenny Rogers, his words from the interview room booming all around Busch Stadium, courtesy of the PA system. One by one, the Detroit Tigers stopped their workout to listen.

"I don't believe it was dirt," they heard the St. Louis manager say. "Didn't look like dirt."

A lot of baseball fans weren't buying Rogers' explanation, either. So instead of looking to Game 3 of the World Series, the focus yesterday stayed squarely on Game 2. Specifically, it focused on what Rogers had at the base of his left thumb — and whether it was there before.

Some photo-

graphs from Rogers' start in the AL championship series against Oakland showed what appeared to be the same kind of smudge on his pitching hand that caught everyone's attention Sunday night.

Prompted by La Russa, the umpires asked him to clean off his left hand, and Rogers pitched eight shutout innings in a 3-1 victory that evened the World Series at one game each.

Rogers, who's gone from play-off farce to postseason force this October, insisted it was an innocent mistake.

"I rub up the balls between the innings and before the game all of the time," Rogers said yesterday. "I rub up the bullpen balls I pitch with with mud, resin, spit. I do it all the



AMY SANCETTA | AP PHOTO

CHEATER?: Was that dirt or something else on Kenny Rogers' pitching hand?

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here to be really positive."

After all the work he did to improve the quality of Purdue athletics, Christopher is looking to make BG a better place for athletes and fans alike. He is strongest at external relations like marketing and working for more revenue, according to Burke.

"He'll be successful [at BG] because he understands the appropriate direction for intercollegiate athletics," Burke said. "He's very smart and understands that the student comes first in the term 'student-athlete.'"

BG Assistant A.D. J.D. Campbell believes Christopher is already doing a great job in his new position.

"Greg has really hit the ground running, and he's been a positive influence in the department," Campbell said. "This is a strong department with a good reputation and his expertise will add on to that."

Since taking the job June 13 after former A.D. Paul Krebs left for the University of New Mexico, Christopher has been hard at work putting his expertise to work, trying to build on the foundation Krebs laid during his tenure. Christopher says he has a good and capable staff helping him, and they've been in the process of implementing some new ideas into how they market BG sports. Lately, there has been an emphasis on football.

"The Miami (OH) game is

really important," Christopher said. "This is an opportunity to play on national TV with the whole country watching us. How we show [team and attendance] is important for the whole BG institution."

In the next week, the athletic department will be looking to build more interest from students and people from in and around the BG area in an effort to prevent the possible 10-year probation the program could face if it doesn't meet the NCAA's attendance requirements.

According to Christopher, there's been a feeling of disappointment over this season's low attendance, and while there are a handful of reasons why the turnstiles at Doyt Perry Stadium haven't been turning as much, it comes down to the athletic department to get people excited and in the seats.

"We have a good plan in place," Christopher said. "We're confident our program will be in good shape."

Whether it's improving the quality of the college experience for players on one of the 18 sports he oversees, Christopher is finding new and creative ways to generate interest in sports like football, building solid relationships with his staff or just being a husband and dad.

"[Being a husband, dad, and A.D.] can be tough from time to time, but this job is something you have to be passionate about," Christopher said. "Fortunately I have a wonderful wife and a patient family. We really love it in Bowling Green, and the community has been very welcoming."



GETTING THE DIRT: Detroit Tigers pitcher Kenny Rogers, left, walks past umpire Alfonso Marquez after the top of the second inning of Game 2 of the World Series.

ROGERS

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time. They rub the ball up, too, with mud before the games.

"The game balls, they're dirty. Usually, when I get done, there's not much on my hand, but I guess a little bit more than normal. I wiped it off and proceeded to pitch seven pretty good innings," he said. "Mud, resin, sweat. It's always there. I try not to go crazy with it, but it's not making my pitches do anything crazy."

Later, it was La Russa's turn to have his say. His off-day news conference was piped over the Busch Stadium public-address system, so his thoughts echoed from every corner of the empty ballpark.

The Tigers had just come onto the field for practice, and

they were instantly surrounded by La Russa's voice giving a lengthy analysis.

The first question was about Rogers, who has pitched 23 scoreless innings this postseason — after going 0-3 with an 8.85 ERA in previous postseasons.

La Russa's answer went on for five minutes.

He said he brought the smudge to the umpires' attention, but did not demand they search Rogers. They didn't. La Russa also said the Cardinals were aware Rogers had a similar spot earlier in the postseason.

"I said, 'I don't like this stuff, let's get it fixed.' If it gets fixed, let's play the game. It got fixed, in my opinion," he said.

"If he didn't get rid of it, I would have challenged it. But I do think it's a little bit part of

the game at times and don't go crazy," he said.

La Russa also said he talked to the Cardinals before they worked out yesterday.

"I briefly explained where I was coming from and I said, 'Anybody felt like I should do different, then I disappointed you.' ... And they didn't raise their hand and say, 'Hey, I disagree,' they just didn't say anything," he said. "But it's very possible there were guys that disagreed. It's not the way we want to win."

It's become perhaps the most-discussed Series smudge since Game 5 in 1969, when Mets manager Gil Hodges brought umpire Lou DiMuro a ball with shoe polish to persuade him that Cleon Jones had been hit by a pitch from Baltimore's Dave McNally.

BRIGGS

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see the kid get bigger, but it's not like we haven't been working on it."

"Sometimes I think to myself that my body's not meant to get that big," Briggs said. "I still just can't gain weight."

To this point, size doesn't seem to be stopping Briggs from being a force on the defensive line.

"Dyral Briggs is an athlete," said teammate Jerrett Sanderson. "All the time he's working hard on the field and putting pressure on the ball. It helps us [in the secondary] a lot with a good D-line like that."

Perhaps undersized, but rarely outmatched, Briggs feels he's never outmatched and will continue to surprise opposing teams for his next two years as a Falcon.

"If I'm not going to run you over, I'm going to beat you to the punch, run around you or jump over you," Briggs said. "I feel like I've got a motor, and I feel like I can make any play."

SWIMMING

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William, a former Republican congressman from 1971-74, is a UC alum and the former chairman of the board of UC's board of trustees. Caroline was moved by the whole ceremony.

"I was really excited to be there with my whole family, and being able to honor my grandfather like that," Keating said. "Being here with my second family and the swimming team made it all the more memorable."

The Falcons travel to Toledo and Eastern Michigan next weekend for their first Mid-American Conference meets of the season, before participating in the Ohio State Invitational on Dec. 1.

Baxter lost for season

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

BEREA — The Cleveland Browns' once-promising season has plunged from bad to worse.

Cornerback Gary Baxter, whose signing last year as a free agent was supposed to plug a huge hole in the Cleveland Browns defense, tore the patellar tendons in both knees during Sunday's 17-7 loss to the Denver Broncos.

The devastating injury for

Baxter — he'll need more than one year of rehab — is another colossal loss for the Browns (1-5), who entered training camp with renewed hope following a big offseason.

Instead, they are in disarray.

"It's sad," linebacker Andra Davis said of Baxter. "I feel bad for anybody who gets hurt. I know how bad GB wants to play and the pressure was on him as the top free agent when he came here. He's had some bad breaks."

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Hurried 9/11 recovery left behind remains

By Sara Kugler
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the city agency overseeing the removal of the World Trade Center rubble was wrapping up its work in 2002, several officials handling the painstaking recovery of human remains warned that things were moving too fast.

They believed that more pieces of the 2,749 dead could be found and that the city shouldn't be rushing such an important task. But they were overruled, two of those officials told The Associated Press this week.

Over the past few days, dozens of bones have been discovered in underground passages at ground zero, more than five years after the tragedy.

"I knew that this was going to happen — they really just wanted us out of there," said retired Lt. John McArdle, the Police Department's ground zero commander. "There was not a good exit strategy for some of these places, and if there was, it was poorly done."

A utility crew stumbled upon body parts last week in an abandoned manhole along the edge of the site, and forensic experts have since dug down and found more than 100 bones and fragments from skulls, ribs, arms, legs, feet and hands.

The discoveries have angered and saddened relatives of the Sept. 11 victims. Of the 2,749 people who were killed that day, the remains of some 1,150 have not been found. That means that families of 40 percent of the victims have nothing — not a sliver of a bone — left of their loved ones.

The notion that rescue workers were rebuffed by a city eager to finish the job could help shed light on why the remains

are being discovered only now. The area where bones are being found is one where officials had raised objections.

The officials said they repeatedly aired their concerns to the agency in charge, the Department of Design and Construction, which was later praised for its speedy, under-budget cleanup of 1.5 million tons of trade center debris.

"The desire was driven by one thing, and that was, 'Get it done,'" said another official who protested, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to discuss the work publicly. "Many a time the issue was raised about how fast it was going and things were being missed."

Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler, who is overseeing the renewed search, said a review of such issues would be premature, but noted that the Fire Department was designated as the lead agency for finding remains, and that DDC proceeded with its work only when the FDNY gave the go-ahead. The Department of Design and Construction had no comment.

According to the two officials, FDNY rescue workers were among those who resisted the Department of Design and Construction. However, Fire Department spokesman Frank Gibbons said Monday that reports of objections were exaggerated. Chief of Department Sal Cassano said in a statement that the FDNY "had final sign-off on areas where the recovery effort was deemed complete, and at no time was pressured to say otherwise."

Memos obtained by the AP show that DDC acknowledged at least some of the objections in the spring of 2002, but was concerned about "delaying the sign-off."

NATION BRIEFS

BY NEWS WIRE SOURCES

Former Enron CEO sentenced yesterday

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Skilling, the most vilified figure from the financial scandal, was sentenced yesterday to 24 years and four months in the harshest sentence in the case that arose from the energy trading giant's collapse. U.S. District Judge Sim Lake denied Skilling's request for bond and ordered him to home confinement. Lake, who told the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to recommend when Skilling should report to prison, suggested that Skilling, 52, be sent to the federal facility in Butner, N.C., for his role in a case that came to symbolize corporate fraud in America.

Pennsylvania mine collapse leaves one dead, four injured

TREMONT, Pa. — A coal mine explosion killed a miner yesterday, but four others escaped, authorities said.

The blast happened at the R&D Coal Co. anthracite mine in Schuylkill County, about 80 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

"We have one confirmed fatality," said Kurt Knaus, a spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection. "I believe it is a recovery and not a rescue operation."

State and federal investigators were trying to determine the cause, he said. Regulators ordered the mine closed until an investigation is complete.

Four workers at the mine were injured Dec. 1, 2004, by debris from an explosion caused by a pipe with a faulty gauge, state officials said. The mine reopened after installing safety equipment, and two inspections this year turned up no significant violations, according to the state Department of Environmental Protection. So far this year, there have been 41 other deaths in U.S. coal-mine accidents, none in Pennsylvania.

Overcrowded elevator speculated as cause for OSU student death

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Twenty-four people crowded an elevator before it killed an Ohio State University freshman, exceeding its weight capacity by as much as 1,100 pounds, an official said yesterday.

The count came from a medic who interviewed survivors immediately after the Friday night accident, said Doug Smith, a battalion chief for the Columbus Division of Fire.

He said the elevator had a capacity of 2,500 pounds. "If you take the average freshman college kid, you'd probably average their weight somewhere between 140 and 150 (pounds), so without a doubt it probably exceeded the weight," Smith said.

Authorities have not concluded the weight caused the elevator to malfunction. The case is under investigation.

"We can't speculate or draw any conclusions at this point until we have all the facts," Ohio State spokeswoman Shelly Hoffman said.

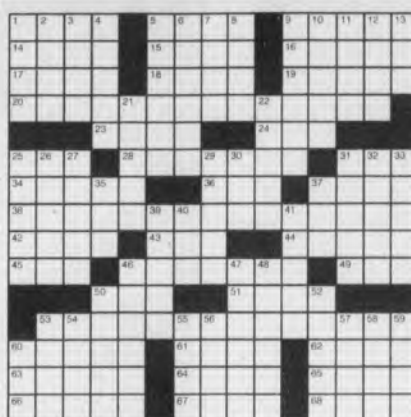
Andrew Polakowski was the last person to enter the elevator on Stradley Hall's third floor when it began to descend with the doors open, campus police said.

Polakowski, 18, of Erie, Pa., was pinned when he tried to escape through a gap between the top of the elevator and the third floor, police said.

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- 5 Secular
- 9 Calligraphy line
- 14 Declaim loudly
- 15 Computer's fix-it button
- 16 Sidestep
- 17 Musical group
- 18 Thorn site
- 19 Egg carton quantity
- 20 Take it slow
- 23 Father of France
- 24 PAT value
- 25 Wildebeest
- 28 Harbingers
- 31 Kettle and Barker
- 34 Cruise ship
- 36 Dawn Chong
- 37 Nebraska neighbor
- 38 In automatic mode
- 42 Tolerate
- 43 Six-shooter
- 44 Honshu city

- 45 6th sense
- 46 Mrs. Roosevelt
- 49 Spearheaded
- 50 To's partner
- 51 Leaf-cutters, e.g.
- 53 Go nowhere fast
- 60 Put on
- 61 Heavenly bear
- 62 Mob scene
- 63 Expletives
- 64 Romanov ruler
- 65 Encourage
- 66 Quarterback Favre
- 67 Framing upright
- 68 Persian comment

- 1 B.A. word
- 2 Agra attire
- 3 Work with needles
- 4 Condescend
- 5 British sheen
- 6 Stamen feature
- 7 — fix (obsession)
- 8 Barbershop item
- 9 Family cars
- 10 Conjure up
- 11 Bring down the house
- 12 — of March
- 13 Marshland
- 21 Indian statesman
- 22 Broncobuster's milieu
- 25 Boston daily
- 26 Baseball groups
- 27 Flip a lid off
- 29 Scene of action
- 30 Varnish resin
- 31 Fable's lesson
- 32 Finished napping
- 33 Dish with dressing
- 35 Miss the mark
- 37 — now or never!
- 39 Arctic shelter
- 40 Take to court
- 41 Sea east of Great

- 46 Writer Hemingway
- 47 Caribbean destination
- 48 Ahead
- 50 Hostile engagement
- 52 Blood component
- 53 Headliner
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